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H. R. 881

To implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2009

Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. INGLIS, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CARTER, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. MARCHANT, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. TERRY, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. LATTA, Mr. WAMP, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. PITTS, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. WESTMORELAND, and Mr. COLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Right to Life Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RIGHT TO LIFE.**

2 To implement equal protection for the right to life
3 of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant
4 to the duty and authority of the Congress, including Con-
5 gress' power under article I, section 8, to make necessary
6 and proper laws, and Congress' power under section 5 of
7 the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the
8 United States, the Congress hereby declares that the right
9 to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each
10 human being. However, nothing in this Act shall be con-
11 strued to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the
12 death of her unborn child.

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14 For purposes of this Act:

15 (1) HUMAN PERSON; HUMAN BEING.—The
16 terms “human person” and “human being” include
17 each and every member of the species homo sapiens
18 at all stages of life, including the moment of fer-
19 tilization, cloning, or other moment at which an indi-
20 vidual member of the human species comes into
21 being.

22 (2) STATE.—The term “State” used in the
23 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the
24 United States and other applicable provisions of the
25 Constitution includes the District of Columbia, the

- 1 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and each other terri-
- 2 tory or possession of the United States.

